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CITY OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

NEW COUNCILMEN

Retires and Recently Elected Men Take Their Places

At night, the old councilmen performed their official duties and the newly elected men took their places. After the mayor had read several hang-over matters, the council was organized and Robert and Charles White were elected to serve as councilmen for the two-year term. James and Charles Wheeler were elected as councilmen for the year term.

The new councilmen took their oaths and the mayor, E. I. Bales, read the mayor's message to the council. The mayor's message was a letter of introduction to the council. The council then proceeded to discuss the mayor's message. The councilmen and the mayor discussed the mayor's message. The councilmen and the mayor discussed the mayor's message. The councilmen and the mayor discussed the mayor's message.

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PHIANS CELEBRATE TOMORROW NIGHT

K.K.'s Are Coming and Grand Celebration to be Held

Tomorrow night will be a big one for the Pythians of Columbia. For the D. O. K. K.'s are coming and they are coming a hundred. For the information of the Pythians, it might be stated that the D. O. K. K.'s are a side, or higher, of the Knights of Pythias. They are very good Pythians, sooner or later they will become a D. O. K. K. A. Many of the members of Avon Lodge are of the higher order, but those who are not, will be initiated into the order of the order and will travel to the desert. The Pythians are bringing their own band, by the way, is one of the best in the Northwest, and there will be a big street parade at 7:30 p. m. Many of the 50 victims who were initiated into the order, will be a conspicuous part in the parade. The members of the lodge wish to be understood that every Pythian is invited to witness the ceremony. It will be practiced upon the Pythians, who will be so fortunate to join the order. Large delegations of loyal Knights are expected from the several towns in the county. A big time is assured. Every one is invited to hear the band and see the street parade.

ARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Newbold has been as near a "watery grave" as he wishes to be. Tuesday he was on one of the boats taking the longshoremen to the Columbia County mill. The boat was all one and there were 26 longshoremen on it. Another boat gave chase and Newbold passed the boat on which Newbold was riding. The boat on which Newbold was riding, lost its balance, was in the water. The boats were going at a rate of speed so Newbold didn't have time to catch them. Instead he made the shore, some 150 yards distant. He had on his heavy work clothes, making slow progress, in fact, was sinking for the last time, but the boat could be turned around. Charles McCauley put a pike pole in the boat. It was a narrow escape. If McCauley, the pike pole and the boat had been a moment later, there would have been a different story to tell.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS A FINE MEETING

State Biologist Gives Lecture and Pictures of Animal Wild Life

The regular business meeting of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce was held on Wednesday night. State Biologist William Finley, at the conclusion of a short business program, gave a lecture and motion picture show of birds, fishing and wild animal life in Oregon. The thousand people who saw the pictures and heard the lecture were unanimous in their opinion that both were wonderfully entertaining and instructive. Mr. Finley was highly pleased with the cordial reception given him and favorably impressed with the people of St. Helens.

In the afternoon he entertained the school children with a lecture and motion picture show. The theatre building was filled to overflowing and many had to stand. The lecture was very instructive and the children were pleased at the beautiful pictures shown. Both of the entertainments were given under the auspices of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce and were for the entertainment of the members, their friends and children.

Clean-Up Day a Success

At the business meeting which preceded the entertainment, Mr. L. G. Ross, city health officer, gave a resume of the results of Clean-Up Day and the beneficial results obtained. He complimented the Chamber of Commerce and the captains who had charge of the campaign on the good work done.

Executive Secretary Storka made a report as to what had been accomplished since the last meeting and also mentioned the fact that the Fourth of July committee was busy at work arranging the program for the biggest and best celebration St. Helens ever had. The United Artists, he said, were coming down 1000 strong and they would bring many of their Portland friends with them.

The secretary mentioned many other problems which the chamber was working on and gave a good idea as to what was being accomplished.

Membership is Increasing

Dr. J. H. Flynn, chairman of the membership committee presented the names of 17 who had made application for membership in the chamber. They were accepted. Vice President Charles Wheeler, who presided at the meeting, was highly gratified at the showing made and also at the interest taken in the meeting. He said that arrangements were being made for a special attraction at the next meeting and hoped that in the meantime problems which are now being developed, would be in such shape as to make a report. The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce is growing and is accomplishing much good and the mist congratulates the officers and members on the success they have made.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION I. O. O. F. LODGE

St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F., will observe the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the lodge. The lodge and also the Rebekah Lodge No. 117, extend a cordial invitation to all members of the order to unite with them in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the lodge, on Saturday evening, April 26th. The banquet is from 6 to 7:30 p. m., and a street parade, musical and literary exercises will also be features. Noble Grand Ira Saurer and Secretary Charles Blakesley have promised to furnish the mist with more details for our next issue and they want it distinctly understood that all Odd Fellows in the county are expected to be present at the anniversary celebration.

DESTROY THE MOTH SAYS FRUIT INSPECTOR

A. L. Morris, fruit inspector for the county, has issued a bulletin to farmers and those having orchards, and appealed to them to "Stop the Codlin Moth and All of the Moth Family." In his circular letter, Mr. Morris states that more fruit and vegetables are destroyed by moths than are saved, or over 50 per cent is destroyed. In order to stop the ravages of these pests, Mr. Morris gives a very simple remedy, which is: "place a tub of water in the orchard. Put a pint of kerosene oil in it and suspend a lantern about two inches from the water. Light the lantern at night for the time the moth is bad." Mr. Morris states that the farmers who have tried this simple remedy have been surprised at the results and he is anxious that every one interested in fruit culture try it.

Portland—Lumbermen have arranged to co-operate with Oregon highway commission in laying an experimental section of five miles of wood block paving with full confidence that if it is properly put down it will prove so satisfactory that it will be the forerunner of an extensive use of wood blocks in the north-west.

HERROLD SECURES HIGHWAY CONTRACT

IT IS A \$68,000 JOB

Work to Start at Once on Scappoose to Deer Island Highway

L. O. Herrold has secured the contract for the grading of the highway between Scappoose and Deer Island, a distance of about 11 miles. The contract price for the work is \$68,000 and the state highway commission has stipulated that the work must be begun at once and completed by October 1st. Associated with Mr. Herrold are W. F. Tobey, his head office man, and U. S. DeSpain, who will superintend the construction work.

Work to Start at Once.

Mr. Herrold informs the mist that it is the plan to start work at once. The first job will be on the rock work from West St. Helens down the line, and already Mr. DeSpain is getting the necessary machinery assembled and employing men. So far as possible, all local men will be given the preference and there will be a number of teams required. Those desiring work may see either Mr. DeSpain or Mr. Herrold.

Mr. Herrold also stated that he would sublet portions of the road, so that it would be possible for several men with teams to take on small contracts. He has established an office in West St. Helens and will be glad to see those who desire to work on the highway.

Paving Contract is Let

A contract has been awarded to the Warren Construction company for paving the highway from Deer Island to a point near DeLeena, about 8 miles west of Rainier, for the sum of \$342,000. The pavement is to be bitulithic and 12 feet wide. While the people of the county are very glad that the highway commission has decided to do some paving, there is general dissatisfaction that the pavement is to be only 12 feet wide. It is argued that with the heavy traffic the road will have, 12 feet is entirely too narrow and it is possible that the commercial clubs throughout the county will endeavor to have the commission change the program. There are many sharp curves on the highway, and it is argued that a 12-foot pavement will make these curves all the more dangerous.

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce baseball team will try conclusions with the High school team tomorrow afternoon. The game starts at 2:30 o'clock.

VICTORY LOAN DRIVE STARTS ON MONDAY

COUNTY QUOTA \$162,450

Columbia County Expected to go "Over Top" During Coming Week

The Victory Loan campaign opens on Monday, April 21st. Columbia county's quota is \$162,450. The quotas assigned to the four banking towns are as follows: St. Helens, \$83,025; Scappoose, \$15,750; 23-175 and Clatskanie, \$49,500. The managers appointed for the drive are: Scappoose, Mrs. Grant Watts; Warren, A. H. Tarbell; St. Helens, Fred Morgus; Goble, R. L. Kenney; Rainier, A. L. Fuller; Clatskanie, O. J. Evenson; Kerry, A. S. Kerry; Deer Island, Mrs. Jack Appleton.

Portland Expects to be First.

A telegram to Chairman Morton from John L. Ethridge, state chairman, urges that Columbia county keep up its record of being first in patriotic drives. The county has the enviable reputation of being first and it is proposed to maintain this record. It is not expected there will be any speech making, brass bands or public meetings in order to stimulate interest for the Victory Loan. The government has offered a fine investment to the public, a bond drawing 4 1/2 per cent interest. While a number of men were thrown out of employment by the closing of the shipyards, it is pointed out that in the last, or Fourth Liberty Loan drive, St. Helens subscribed for more than \$200,000 of bonds, and Chairman Morgus does not think there will be any trouble in raising one-third of that amount for the Victory Loan. A. H. Tarbell, chairman of the Warren district has the assurance that the residents of that community will respond the same as they have done in the past, and there is no doubt as to the results in the lower end of the county.

It seems to be the general idea that the Victory Loan is necessary and that the people will not need to be urged to buy the bonds. On the contrary, they will go to their banks on Monday morning, April 21st, and pledge themselves to aid Uncle Sam in paying the war bills.

The steamer Cellio, laden with lumber for California delivery and the government steamer, Ashburn, laden with a partial cargo of ties and lumber, destined for New York, left on Thursday night. The Ashburn goes to Westport to complete her cargo which is the first cargo on the 50,000,000 feet of ties which the McCormick company recently contracted for and which are for use on eastern railroads.

WORK IS STARTED ON THE NEW MILL

Piling Being Driven for Foundation of Another Mill

There might have been some who doubted the story in the mist two weeks ago as to the building of another mill at the point on Sauvie Island. Should there be any of these doubting ones, the mist takes great pleasure in informing them that several rafts of piling have been delivered at the place where the mill is to be built and that a large pile driver is right now busy driving the piling for the foundation.

H. F. McCormick, one of the leading spirits in the enterprise, informs the mist that no time is to be lost in getting the mill built and in operation, and that before the summer is past, he hopes it will be in operation. It is understood that the plans have been somewhat changed and that the mill will be considerably larger than the one at first proposed.

METHODISTS HOLD WEEK OF PRAYER

Local members of the Methodist church are observing a week of daily prayer. This is part of the nationwide program for the success of the Methodist centenary, and it is estimated that more than 1,000,000 Methodists, with members of 22 other denominations, are praying every night this week. Last week 4,000,000 blanks were distributed in 18,000 Methodist churches throughout the country. They will be collected at Easter services.

According to Rev. Hisey the aim is to set up a prayer barrage that shall absolutely assure success of the gigantic financial drive of the centenary, May 18. Sunday schools, Epworth leagues, churches—all are taking part during Holy Week. And it is expected that the 1,000,000 earnest persons thus concentrating their appeal, will assure the success of the \$105,000,000 financial campaign for the evangelization and rebuilding of the world.

Prof. Philip M. Hicks, who is in the employ of McDougall company of Portland, will be here tonight to reorganize the St. Helens band. It is requested that all of the members of the old band and any others who are interested in St. Helens having an up to date band, will meet in the basement of the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock. H. V. Eshom and Percy Harrison, of this city are interested in again getting the band boys together and it is hoped that many will turn out.

The steamer Ernest Meyers, laden with 986,000 feet of lumber, sailed Saturday night for San Pedro.

ST. HELENS SOLDIERS TELL OF BATTLES

IN THICK OF FIGHTING

Did Their Part in Winning World's War—Both Were Wounded

Two St. Helens boys who took part in the decisive battles "over there" arrived home this week. Carl Aamand came home Wednesday and Justin Wilkins arrived Thursday morning. In the lively scraps with the Huns, both of them were wounded.

Aamand, who with a contingent of the drafted men left St. Helens in the fall of 1917 for Camp Lewis, was sent to New York in January, 1918, and after a few days in Camp Mills, embarked for England. No time was lost in getting to France, and after a period of training he was, with other members of the Fourth Division, sent to the front. He was in the big battles of Chateau-Thierry, Vesle, The Marne and Argonne.

Aamand was made a "waggoner," and assigned to the ammunition or supply train. It was his job to see that the boys at the front were supplied with ammunition and food. The work, he said, was done mostly at night, for the German planes were very active and took especial pains to see that all of the roads were bombed. Oftentimes, he said, the road would be torn up by a big shell and his wagon train, in the darkness of night, would try to reach the front by going over another route. It was the case several times that in taking a new road, the train was lost and in the mud and darkness, nothing could be done except to wait for daylight and the German planes.

His division was in the front line for many days and 12,000 of them were numbered among the dead, wounded or missing. At Chateau-Thierry, Carl was driving a water wagon. Strict orders had been given not to furnish the never ending procession of wounded men with any water. This was done because so many of them had been gassed and if they were given water, the consequence would have been that a wounded soldier would have died. It was hard, he said, to hear their cry for water and not be able to give it to them. The waggoners, however, used their own judgment and gave water to the wounded, who, it was apparent had been the victim of machine guns.

Chateau-Thierry was a big and bad fight, Aamand said, but he did not think it compared with Argonne, for the Germans gave way in the first fight, but desperately resisted in Argonne, and the American troops had much difficulty in making progress against the rain of machine gun bullets. For 19 days, Aamand and his companions were under constant shell fire, and one time a high explosive shell burst so close that the horse he was riding, was killed. Another horse was put in harness and the load of hand grenades, rifles and cartridges were delivered to the men at the front although the German snipers paid especial attention to the train. Aamand didn't get to see all of the Argonne drive, for after 10 days of hard fighting, his right arm was broken and he was taken to a hospital. He is very uncommunicative as to what he did, but his part was a big one and it was faithfully done. While in the service he was promoted to corporal.

Was Wounded by Bomb.

Justin Wilkins, who was with the engineers and engaged in repairing a big electric station just back of Chateau-Thierry, does not have much liking for the German bombing planes. About 10 o'clock on the night of August 16th, eight of them sailed over and let go a number of bombs. There were 20 men in Justin's gang. The man nearest to him had his head blown off; one to the side of him lost an arm and leg, and instantly died and Justin received a little souvenir in the shape of a large piece of shrapnel. Eight of the other fellows were seriously wounded. Justin was removed to a French hospital and later to an American hospital and for several months was on crutches. His wound has entirely healed and he says he is as good as ever and ready to go again if it is necessary. The "dough-boys," he said, showed the Huns what it was to make a real fight, and they could not stand the open warfare style of fighting which the Americans used. He regrets that his wound kept him in the hospital and prevented him from taking part in the other big battles, but then a man strapped to a cot and having only one leg to use, couldn't do much—except to regret that he couldn't be with the other boys.

Justin Wilkins won a bet. It was a box of good cigars and he won it from Archie Newbold. About a month ago, both of these St. Helens boys were in St. Nazaire, France. They wanted to come home and talked about it. Newbold thought Wilkins would be the first one to get home and Wilkins thought it would be his luck to be one of the last soldiers to leave the camp. Therefore, a bet was made. Newbold arrived home almost two weeks before Justin did, so Justin got the box of cigars.

NOT THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT

